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MEDIA RELEASE

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MONTANA COMMITTEE FOR THE HUMANITIES GRANTS \$28,174 FOR PUBLIC PROGRAMS

MISSOULA --

The Montana Committee for the Humanities (MCH), a state-based affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, has awarded \$28,174 in federal grant funds to state groups for public programs in the humanities.

The MCH has given \$15,000 to the Ad Hoc Committee on Issues of the Nuclear Age, a group of citizens working under the direction of University of Montana political science Professor Ron Perrin. The funds will be used for a public conference on "The Changing Face of Humanity in the Nuclear Age," to be held Nov. 6-7 at the Village Red Lion Motor Inn in Missoula.

The conference will begin with an address on the theme of the conference by Robert Jay Lifton, Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry and Psychology at The City University of New York.

On Nov. 7, two panel discussions will focus on the effects of the nuclear age on work and community life. One panel will be made up of nationally recognized scholars Christopher Lasch, chairman of the University of Rochester history department; Robert Bellah, vice chairman of the Center for Japanese Studies at the University of California at Berkeley; Jean Bethke Elshtain, political theory professor at the University of

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Massachusetts; and Stanley Hauerwas, director of graduate studies in religion at Duke University.

A second panel, made up of Montanans, will include Pulitzer Prize-winning author A.B. Guthrie Jr.; Dr. Stephen Speckart, a member of Physicians for Social Responsibility; William Yellowtail, a Crow Tribe member, educator, legislator and rancher; and Dana Boussard, an artist.

At a "town meeting" that follows the panels, the public will be able to question program participants about ideas raised during the conference. In the evening, the MCH will hold its annual Awards in the Humanities ceremony, in which a state humanities scholar will be honored for his contributions of scholarship and/or service to public humanities programming in Montana.

Other recent MCH awards include: \$2,500 to the Vigilante Players of Bozeman for partial funding through December 1986 of the traveling drama troupe's presentation "Homespun"; a conditional award of \$2,200 to the regional magazine Northern Lights for the 1986-87 publication of a series of humanities essays; \$2,650 for the Montana Cowboy Poetry Festival, to be held Aug. 22-23 in Big Timber; and \$5,824 to the Montana Historical Society Foundation for a 1987 traveling photographic and oral history exhibit on the history of metal manufacturing in Montana.

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